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	Crop Progress			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton				
Open Bolls	99	99	99	100
Harvest	20	15	14	22

	Crop Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	14	63	19
Cotton	0	3	25	42	30
Range/Pasture (This Week)	22	38	17	16	7
Range/Pasture (Last Year)	19	23	26	21	11

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending October 9. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Casa Grande to 4 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 103 degrees at Gila Bend and Yuma and the lowest reading was 29 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 17 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.01 inches and Winslow received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.06 inches.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetables & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped green onions, radishes and watermelons last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Soil, Moisture, and Insect Conditions

North region reported cattle condition as good, stock water as very poor, soil moisture as very poor and insect damage as poor. Central/Southwest regions reported cattle condition as fair to good, stock water as poor, soil moisture as very poor to poor and insect damage as poor. Southeast region reported cattle conditions as fair to good, stock water as poor, soil moisture as very poor to poor and insect damage as very poor.

Monthly Range/Pasture Conditions

During September, ranges and pastures in Arizona were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Many areas of the State received much needed rain. Arizona livestock were in fair to good condition. Soil moisture throughout the State remained mostly short. Stock water supplies were adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly fair at low elevations and mostly good at high elevations. Mid elevation pasture conditions were poor to fair. Livestock continued in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was moderate.

Central pasture conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions at low elevations was fair, mid elevations were poor to good. High elevation conditions were mostly fair. Livestock remained in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were mostly adequate, but soil moisture continued short. Insect damage was moderate.

Southern pastures ranged from poor to good condition. Pasture conditions were mostly good at high elevations. Mid elevation pasture conditions ranged from poor to good. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Livestock continued in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were mostly adequate, but soil moisture was short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

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Temperatures and Precipitation Data
October 3 - October 9, 2004

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	58	1	78	41	0.00	6.17	7.27
Casa Grande	76	-2	94	53	0.00	7.06	7.02
Coolidge	76	1	98	55	0.00	6.56	7.00
Douglas	68	1	91	45	0.00	8.09	11.11
Flagstaff	51	-1	69	29	0.01	12.37	17.83
Gila Bend	80	0	103	60	0.00	3.61	5.18
Grand Canyon	52	2	71	34	0.00	10.44	13.13
Kingman	68	2	89	51	0.00	3.37	7.80
Parker	79	2	102	62	0.00	2.72	4.04
Payson	61	0	80	42	0.00	16.75	16.97
Phoenix	79	4	99	69	0.00	5.12	6.08
Prescott Airport	59	3	80	43	0.00	4.33	11.54
Safford Ag Center	69	1	93	47	0.00	9.15	7.50
Tucson	75	1	94	57	0.00	5.81	9.62
Willcox	66	0	91	42	0.00	9.56	10.31
Winslow	60	0	81	38	0.06	6.38	6.31
Yuma	81	3	103	67	0.00	1.16	2.23

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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